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At the Court at Whitehall,

The One and thirtieth of *January*, 167⁸.

Present,

The Kings Most Excellent Majesty

His Highness Prince *Rupert*
Lord Chancellor
Lord Treasurer
Lord Privy Seal
Duke of *Monmouth*
Duke of *Lauderdale*
Lord Chamberlain
Earl of *Salisbury*
Earl of *Bridgwater*
Earl of *Peterborow*
Earl of *Sunderland*
Earl of *Clarendon*

Earl of *Essex*
Earl of *Bathe*
Earl of *Craven*
Earl of *Ailesbury*
Earl of *Carbery*
Lord Viscount *Newport*
Lord Bishop of *London*
Lord Bishop of *Durham*
Lord *Maynard*
Mr. Vice-Chamberlain
Mr. Secretary *Coventry*
Mr. Secretary *Williamson*

Master of the Ordnance.



Whereas His Majesty hath received Complaint in Council, That several Justices of the Peace of several Counties, Cities and Liberties within this Kingdom, notwithstanding the many Proclamations which His Majesty hath been pleased lately to publish, for the better Security of His Majesties Person and Government, and of the True Protestant Religion, do refuse, or neglect to put the same in Execution, (at which their neglect and refusal, at a Time wherein 'tis most apparent, That not onely His Majesties Royal Person and Government, but the True Protestant Religion within this Kingdom, have been, and still are in great danger) His Majesty cannot but signify His just Displeasure: And therefore hath this day been pleased in Council to Order, That all His Majesties Justices of the Peace do with all Care and Diligence pursue His Majesties Commands signified in such His late Proclamations. And His Majesty doth hereby further direct the Lord Chancellor of England, upon due Complaint made of the neglect or refusal of any of His Majesties Justices of the Peace, in the Execution of the Premises, forthwith to put them, and every of them out of Commission for the Peace, as Persons disaffected to His Majesties Government, and the True Protestant Religion; And to put in their Places Persons who may be likely to Act with more Vigour and good Affection.

ROBERT SOUTHWELL.